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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction and/or election requirement grouping claims 1-7 into one class and claim 8-15 in a second class. The applicant disagrees with the restriction and/or election requirement and requests that, if the Examiner does not withdrawn the restriction and/or election requirement, the Examiner makes it final so that the applicant may appeal the restriction and/or election requirement. Nevertheless, the applicant tentatively elects claims 1-7.

The Examiner has stated that the species are independent or distinct because the order of steps of species A (claims 1-7), including the dielectric layer (as recited in claim 1) is not required in Species B (claims 8-15). Moreover, the order of steps, including secondary conductive winding (as recited in claim 8) is not required in Species A.

As reasoned, the Examiner is stated that if the claims are not identical, they are independent and distinct. The applicant disagrees. In particular, at least one novel aspect of claims 1-7 is common with at least one novel aspect of claims 8-15. As such, the species as grouped by the Examiner are not independent and distinct.

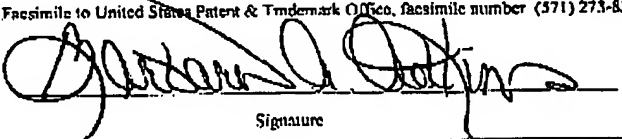
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For the foregoing reasons, the applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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